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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: USG OFFERS DISASTER RELIEF TO  
CUBA

REF: SECSTATE 105422

[1](#)1. On October 7, we delivered reftel demarche to the MFA's Antonio Alarcon, FonMin's Chief of Staff, and to Herbert Espinoza, U.S./Americas Desk Officer. The MFA thanked us for the information but provided no substantive response. Alarcon promised to pass the information to FM Stagno right away.

[1](#)2. The GOCR has made no public statements regarding the USG assistance offers, Cuba's rejection of those offers, nor the overall disaster relief situation in Cuba following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.  
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